

Martin Luther King Jr. MARXIST TOOL & RACE AGITATOR

Recently many people received a great shock when *Time* magazine came out with the picture of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on the front cover as *Time's* selection for the honor of being "The Man of the Year."

Upon beholding the magnanimous spirit of the editors of *Time*, we began to think on some of the activities of Dr. King during the past year and some of the statements he made.

On February 5, 1964 Martin Luther King, Jr., speaking to a crowd of 5,000 persons at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, said, "There is no communist influence in the civil rights movement." (Record, 2/6/64) To say the least, this is one of the greatest understatements of the year.

"BIRDS OF A FEATHER . . ."

There is an old adage to the effect that "birds of a feather flock together." This means of course that persons and other animate creatures on the earth naturally gravitate toward their own kind. Even the birds and the animals of the field prefer to have it this way, which, after all, is the Divine Plan. While this is true in the natural realm, it is also true that "birds of a feather flock together" in the spiritual or the ideological realm. Generally speaking, a Methodist prefers to go to a Methodist church, a Catholic to a Catholic church, a Jew to his synagogue, a communist to his Party Meetings, and so on.

LET US CONSIDER KING'S FRIENDS

In the April 1 edition of *COMMON SENSE* in 1960 the lead article was entitled **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.: MARXIST TOOL AND RACE AGITATOR**. We quote briefly from it:

"Let's take a good look at King's record since he was picked as one to 'lead' the Negroes down the crimson path to a Soviet America. Over the Labor Day weekend (8/30/ to 9/2/57), Highlander Folk School, at Monteagle, Tenn., staged its 25th anniversary seminar on 'the . . . integration struggle.' Notorious communists, veteran communist fellow-travellers, and Negro leaders in all the recent major incidents attending integration efforts were present at the seminar . . . This school is actually a Communist Training School. The closing address at this seminar was made by Martin Luther King. Pictures taken at that time show him together with Abner Berry, Negro member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party and columnist for the *Daily Worker*. Pete Seeger, participant in the N.Y. State Youth Board of the C. P. (*Daily Worker*, 2/22/49) and long time C. P. member, entertained the delegates.

"King is president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and led the Montgomery Boycott and the March on Washington. . ."

The picture of King with known communists mentioned above has had wide circulation in the past few years and millions of Americans doubtless have seen it. Speaking at the Labor Day seminar of Highlander Folk School in 1957, Dr. King said: "I have long admired the noble purpose and creative work of this institution. For 25 years you have given the South some of its most responsible leaders in this great period of transition." The march on Washington referred to above was the one engineered by King 10/25/58. To be able to more fully understand the actions and associates of "The Man of the Year" let us take a brief look into some historical facts.

Commonwealth College was founded at Mena, Arkansas by Myles Horton in 1932. The records of the Circuit Court, Polk County, Mena, Arkansas, reflect that it was



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found to be a communist school and on Jan. 30, 1941, was convicted in Criminal Court on charges of anarchy—failure to display the American flag and for displaying the hammer and sickle on the College campus. A total of \$2,500 in fines was assessed against the school, and the school being unable, or unwilling, to pay, its property was sold. After the College was declared "a communist school" and closed by the State of Arkansas, it moved to Tennessee where five persons applied for a charter of incorporation for a school to be known as **HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL**.

"The Highlander Folk School at Monteagle, Tennessee, has been used for communist and communist front purposes for the past 25 years."—from testimony of Dr. J. B. Matthews, former Director of Research, Special Committee on Un-American Activities (Dies Committee) 1938-45—at Hearings before the Special Education Committee of the Arkansas Legislative Council, Dec. 16, 17, 18, 1958.

"The Tennessee Supreme Court ruled yesterday that Highlander, long a nest for leftwing activities and their promoters, has forfeited any right to a state charter because Highlander, though supposedly non-profit, was operated for the personal profit of its director, Myles Horton . . . The Tennessee Supreme Court also upheld the lower court's ruling that Highlander Folk School had been guilty of bootlegging . . ."

—Chattanooga News-Free Press, 4/6/61.

IN BUSINESS AGAIN

When the Supreme Court of the State of Tennessee ruled against Highlander Folk School, the school appealed to the United States Supreme Court, which Court refused the case. So Highlander moved over to Knoxville, Tennessee, changed its name, applied for and obtained another Charter from the State of Tennessee. We quote briefly from a folder put out under its new name:

"Under its new name and at a new address . . . **THE HIGHLANDER RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTER**, 1625 Riverside Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee . . . the school continues to practice its ideals . . . ideals for which its predecessor, the Highlander Folk School, was loved and hated and finally

Who Is Kidding Whom?

Attorney General Robert Kennedy stated before the Senate Commerce Committee that, according to FBI and Justice Dept. records he "had no evidence" that any of the top leaders of the Major Civil Rights groups were communist or communist controlled.

—New York Post, July 25, 1963

closed after 29 years as an integrated school in the South. The new Charter, granted by the State of Tennessee in 1961 . . ."

In March, 1963, the Internal Revenue Service of the U.S. Treasury Dept. granted tax-exemption to this restored arm of communism and made all contributions retroactively deductible from date of Highlander Center's incorporation, August, 1961.

But with a change in location, Highlander itself did not change. We quote again from the folder put out recently by Highlander: "In the summer of 1963, hate-inspired forces again tried to destroy Highlander and all it stands for. This time the attack was directed against an incompleated new conference center in the Smoky Mountains near Maryville, Tennessee . . . The camp was raided without search warrants, the camp directors and young work-campers were arrested and later convicted of disorderly conduct, contributing to the delinquency of minors, and such unwarranted charges . . . The half-constructed buildings at the camp site were burned to the ground—again 'by persons unknown.'"

The law enforcement officers making that raid fill in the details the above leaves to the imagination. According to newspaper reports giving the officers' version of what they saw during the raid, as one said, "I have taken part in many such raids, but that one was the most revolting thing I ever witnessed. Drunken youths, both black and white, were all over the place engaging in promiscuous sexual acts. I never saw anything like it before, and I hope I never do again."

The lists of "SPONSORS—Fall 1963" as printed on folder referred to includes "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Pres. Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Atlanta, Georgia."

Communists planned long ago to bring about the "Black Revolution" now being pushed so vigorously. Commonwealth College and Highlander Folk School were founded for this purpose and now Highlander Center continues the work praised so highly by the "Man of the Year" in his speech at the 1957 Labor Day seminar at Highlander Folk School. In February, 1961, Martin Luther King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Highlander Folk School joined forces "to train Negro leaders for the civil rights struggle." (N.Y. Times, 2/23/61).

The present Chairman of the Board of Directors at Highlander Center is **Dr. B. R. Brazeal**, Dean of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia (M. L. King's alma mater). Other Highlander directors include **Myles Horton**, who, when, asked to join the Communist Party, replied: "I am doing you just as much good now as I would if I were a member of the Communist Party." (from testimony of a former Communist Party official, Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. hearings before Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, March 18, 19, 20, 1954) and Rev. S. S. Seay, staff member of Southern Christian Leadership Conference (Martin Luther King, president). Also listed on the Board of Directors: **Dr. Charles Gomillion**, Dean Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala.; Dr. John B. Thompson, Pastor Community Congregational Church, Berkeley, California, (who has a record of communist-front citations reaching back to the days of the famous Dies Committee).

A few of the Sponsors of Highlander Center: Roger Baldwin, who was quoted in the Harvard Class Book (1935), "I am for socialism, disarmament . . . abolishing the state itself . . . social ownership of property . . . communism is the goal"; **A. Meiklejohn**, Berkeley, Calif., whose "front" citations also go back to the '40s. On an 8/21/63 letterhead of the National Committee to Abolish